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HDI PERFORMANCE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka has improved its rank in its HDI performance from 19 in 1991 to 7 in 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether in spite of improvement in information technology, the State Governments has not been able to improve its economy ;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the remedial steps proposed to be taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRI MOOKHERJEE)

(a)&(b): As per the National Human Development Report prepared by the Planning Commission, Karnataka ranks 19 in terms of Human Development Index (HDI) among 32 States and UTs in 1991. However, Karnataka ranks 7 in the HDI ranking in 2001 among 15 major States. In 1991 also Karnataka ranked 7th among the 15 major States.

(c),(d)&(e): Karnataka has achieved an average growth rate of over 7 percent between 1994- 95 and 2000-01. Development of Information Technology has created an enabling environment which holds the potential for faster economic growth. It has indeed attracted foreign investment in to the State and created new employment opportunities both of which have contributed to the high growth of the State Domestic Product.